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# **South Dakota Medical Facilities Report of 2005 Data**

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## PREFACE

The South Dakota Medical Facilities Report of 2005 Data serves as an historical account of medical facility development in South Dakota. It is also a status report of South Dakota medical facility services and utilization.

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In 2000, the AHA Annual Survey was introduced online. This enabled the hospitals to enter data in a secure environment while making it easier and more efficient to respond. The online survey also provides historical reference data as well as instant data verification as information is entered. Hospitals that did not have internet access were still able to submit their survey on paper.

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